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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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SEAN F. McAVOY, CLERK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ERICA DAVIS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Andrew Davis, deceased, and the minor child JC, and minor child SD; MICHAEL M. MASCHMEYER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of R. Wayne Estopinal, deceased; and JAMES JOHNSON and BRADLEY HERMAN, individually and as Independent Co-administrators of the Estate of Sandra Johnson, deceased;

Plaintiffs,

v.

TAMARACK AEROSPACE GROUP, INC., and CANFIELD AEROSPACE SOLUTIONS,

Defendants.

NO: 2:20-CV-60-RMP

PROTECTIVE ORDER

BEFORE THE COURT is a Stipulated Motion for Protective Order, ECF No.

61. A district court may issue protective orders regarding discovery upon a showing of good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c). Before issuing a stipulated protective order, a

1 district court judge should ensure that the protective order's restrictions do not  
2 infringe on the public's general right to inspect and copy judicial records and  
3 documents. *See Kamakana v. City and Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th  
4 Cir. 2006); *see also Courthouse News Serv. v. Planet*, 947 F.3d 581, 589 (9th Cir.  
5 2020) (recognizing a long-held First Amendment right of access to court  
6 proceedings and documents).

7 Having reviewed the protective order and the remaining record, the Court  
8 finds good cause to grant the stipulated motion and enter the agreed-upon protective  
9 order and exhibit. Accordingly, the parties' stipulated protective order, **ECF No. 61**,  
10 is **GRANTED**, and the protective order is entered in the form set forth below.

## 11 PROTECTIVE ORDER

12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that if, in the course of this proceeding, any party  
13 or nonparty has the occasion to disclose information deemed in good faith to  
14 constitute confidential material, as defined below, the following procedures shall be  
15 employed and the following restrictions shall govern the handling of documents,  
16 depositions, pleadings, exhibits, and all other information exchanged by the parties  
17 or nonparties hereto.

### 18 1. SCOPE

19 1.1.1. This Protective Order shall govern the designation, disclosure,  
20 dissemination, and use of Confidential Material (as defined below) provided by any  
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1 parties or nonparties to meet disclosure obligations in the above-captioned  
2 proceeding (the “Action”).

3       1.1.2.       As used herein, the term “Confidential Material” shall mean  
4 information (regardless of how generated, stored, or maintained) or tangible things  
5 that qualify for protection under standards developed under Federal Rule of Civil  
6 Procedure 26(c), including trade secrets or confidential research, development, or  
7 commercial information. Confidential Material may include, without limitation,  
8 programming records, designs, processes, test data and reports, engineering  
9 documents, drawings, schematics, financial statements, accounting records, e-mails,  
10 and other confidential business records. Confidential Material may also include  
11 Plaintiffs’ decedent’s medical and health care records, prescription and non  
12 prescription medicinal records, coroner records, estate records, employment records,  
13 pilot records, income tax records, worker’s compensation records or other private  
14 personal information, including personal and company emails, personal computer,  
15 cell phone, text and social media records, and credit or debit card records.

16 **2. DESIGNATION**

17       2.1.1.       In accordance with this Protective Order, any party or  
18 subpoenaed nonparty may designate any Confidential Material as  
19 “CONFIDENTIAL” in this Action if it believes in good faith that the material  
20 constitutes or embodies information that (a) satisfies the definition of Confidential  
21 Material in the foregoing Paragraph 2, (b) is not generally known, and (c) the designating

1 party would not normally reveal to third parties or would cause third parties to maintain  
2 in confidence.

3       2.1.2. Any party or nonparty may designate documents or other tangible  
4 things as CONFIDENTIAL in this Action by placing the following legend or a  
5 similar legend on the document or thing, and each page thereof: CONFIDENTIAL;  
6 provided, however, that in the event original documents are produced for inspection,  
7 the producing party shall place the appropriate legend on the documents in the  
8 copying process. For documents in the form of data, software, or digital material  
9 stored electronically or on an electronic storage device, a party may designate a  
10 document as CONFIDENTIAL for protection under this Order by placing a  
11 “CONFIDENTIAL” legend (i) on the data (*e.g.*, an electronic stamp or notation in  
12 the database or load files), or (ii) on the device containing the data.

13       2.1.3. Any party or nonparty may designate discovery requests or  
14 responses (and the information contained therein) as CONFIDENTIAL in this  
15 Action by placing the following legend on the face of any such document:  
16 CONFIDENTIAL. In the case of discovery requests or responses, a statement may  
17 also be included within the document specifying the portion(s) thereof having been  
18 designated as CONFIDENTIAL.

19       2.1.4. Any party or nonparty may designate depositions and other  
20 testimony (including exhibits) as CONFIDENTIAL in this Action by (a) indicating  
21 on the record at the time the testimony is given that the entire testimony or portions

1 thereof shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL, or (b) by captioned, written notice  
2 to the reporter and all counsel of record, given within two weeks after the reporter  
3 sends written notice to the deponent or the deponent's counsel that the transcript is  
4 available for review (the "holding period"), in which case all counsel receiving such  
5 notice shall be responsible for marking the copies of the designated transcript or  
6 portion thereof in their possession or control as directed by the producing party or  
7 deponent. If no such designation is made at the deposition, or during the holding  
8 period, no such deposition transcript shall be disclosed to any person other than  
9 those persons who are entitled to have access to such materials pursuant to  
10 Paragraph 14 below and the deponent (and the deponent's counsel in the case of a  
11 separately represented nonparty), and no person attending such a deposition shall disclose  
12 the contents of the deposition to any person other than those described in Paragraphs 14  
13 or 15 below during the holding period. The following legend shall be placed on the front  
14 of any deposition transcript (and, if videotaped, any copies of the videotape) containing  
15 CONFIDENTIAL information: CONFIDENTIAL.

16       2.1.5.     If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate  
17 Confidential Material as CONFIDENTIAL does not, standing alone, waive the  
18 designating party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material. If  
19 material is appropriately designated as CONFIDENTIAL after the material was  
20 initially produced, the receiving party, on timely notification of the designation, must

1 make reasonable efforts to assure that the Confidential Material is treated in  
2 accordance with the provisions of this Order.

3       2.1.6.     A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of any  
4 designation of Confidential Material as CONFIDENTIAL at the time of designation,  
5 and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge to the designation.

6 Notwithstanding anything in this Protective Order to the contrary, the parties  
7 acknowledge and agree that each party reserves the right to argue that any  
8 Confidential Material has been improperly designated and should not receive  
9 protected status under this Protective Order. Additionally, any party may seek  
10 further protection with respect to Confidential Material as that party may consider  
11 appropriate.

12       2.1.7.    If a party objects to any designation of information as  
13 CONFIDENTIAL, the parties shall first try to resolve such dispute in good faith on  
14 an informal basis. If the dispute cannot be resolved informally, the designating party  
15 may seek appropriate relief from the Court.

16 **3. USE**

17       3.1.1.    Confidential Material produced or made available for inspection  
18 for which the foregoing designation has been made shall be subject to this Protective  
19 Order and shall be received or inspected only by the authorized or designated  
20 person(s) authorized to do so in accordance with this Order.

1       3.1.2.      Confidential Material designated CONFIDENTIAL shall be used  
2 only in connection with this Action, or any directly related proceeding or appeal  
3 therefrom, and shall not be used for any other purpose including, but not limited to,  
4 competitive business purposes in the market place or in any other litigation. No  
5 recipient of Confidential Material shall, without express Order of the Court, use the  
6 Confidential Material in any business purpose, including but not limited to, research  
7 and development of any new product or alteration or improvement of an existing  
8 product. This limitation shall not prevent a producing party from using its own  
9 Confidential Material for its own business purposes, including but not limited to,  
10 research and development of any new product or improvement of any existing  
11 product.

12       3.1.3.      All material designated CONFIDENTIAL shall be held in strict  
13 confidence and shall be protected from disclosure as specified herein, unless a party  
14 obtains an order of the Court declaring that all or certain portions of the allegedly  
15 Confidential Material are not, in fact, protected. The substance or contents of any  
16 material designated CONFIDENTIAL, as well as any notes, abstracts, copies,  
17 summaries, and memorandum relating thereto, shall not be disclosed to or accessible  
18 by anyone other than a person qualified and/or authorized to obtain Confidential  
19 Material designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Protective Order.

20       3.1.4.      Nothing in this Protective Order shall preclude a producing party  
21 from using or disseminating its own CONFIDENTIAL material.

1       **4. DISCLOSURE**

2           4.1.1.      Confidential Material designated CONFIDENTIAL may be  
3 disclosed only to:

4           Persons subject to the following limitation: each party is limited to allowing  
5 the information to be reviewed, examined, and/or read by certain designated  
6 individuals, whose identity need not be disclosed to every other party until the  
7 conclusion of this Action, which designated individual must read this Protective  
8 Order, agree to be bound by it, and execute an Party's Qualified Individuals'  
9 Acknowledgement of Protective Order in the form shown on Exhibit "A" to this  
10 Protective Order, to be held by the counsel of record who provided the Protective  
11 Order and Exhibit A to him or her. At the conclusion of this Action, when  
12 Confidential Material is being returned or destroyed, all counsel of record may  
13 receive on request copies of those Exhibit As executed by those disclosed experts  
14 who reviewed the Confidential Material produced by other parties.

15          Any attorney representing a party or subpoenaed nonparty participating in this  
16 Action, and any person assisting such attorney employed by the same law firm or  
17 organization as the attorney, and for whom access to Confidential Material is  
18 necessary to perform a duty with respect to this Action. Any such persons must read  
19 this Protective Order and agree to be bound by it. The executed Stipulation for this  
20 Protective Order by any member of a law firm or organization shall constitute a

1 representation that all persons in or employed by that firm or organization shall  
2 agree to be bound by and observe this Protective Order.

3 Any expert or consultant qualified to have access to Confidential Material as  
4 provided in Paragraph 4.1.2 of this Protective Order.

5 Any personnel of the Court or other government employees for whom access  
6 to Confidential Material is necessary to perform a duty relating to this Action, and  
7 any court reporters retained to record and transcribe testimony in this Action.

8 Personnel of photocopy firms and/or graphics firms who have read and agree  
9 to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order. Only documents requiring  
10 duplication will be provided to such individuals.

11 4.1.2. Any party may designate expert witnesses or non-testifying  
12 expert consultants who are not regular employees of such party and who may have  
13 access to Confidential Material. An expert or non-testifying expert consultant shall  
14 qualify for access to Confidential Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL only as  
15 follows:

16 A. The party seeking to disclose Confidential Material shall first  
17 have said expert witness or non-testifying expert consultant complete and execute an  
18 Expert's or Consultant's Acknowledgement of Protective Order in the form shown  
19 on Exhibit "B" to this Protective Order, to be held by the counsel of record who  
20 provided the Protective Order and Exhibit B to him or her. At the conclusion of this  
21 Action, when Confidential Material is being returned or destroyed, all counsel of

1 record may make a request to opposing counsel for copies of those Exhibit Bs  
2 executed by expert witnesses who reviewed the Confidential Material produced by  
3 other parties, and counsel receiving such request shall promptly provide copies of  
4 said Exhibit Bs to requesting counsel. However, as to those non-testifying expert  
5 consultants who reviewed Confidential Material produced by other parties, counsel  
6 who retained said consultants shall, at the conclusion of this Action, place the  
7 original Exhibit Bs executed by those consultants into a sealed envelope identified  
8 on its exterior by the Case Caption, Docket Number and the name “Expert  
9 Consultant Exhibit B Forms,” which envelope shall be filed with the Court under  
10 Seal and its cover pleading served on other counsel of record but without the sealed  
11 envelope. Opposing counsel shall not have access to the sealed envelope unless, on  
12 motion with notice to counsel who retained the expert consultant, movant  
13 demonstrates good cause to the Court to support a reasonable belief that one or  
14 more of the expert consultants may have violated the Protective Order by disclosing  
15 Confidential Material to unauthorized persons. The Court shall hold said sealed  
16 envelope for a period of time no less than five years from the date filed.

17           B. When a corporation or other organization is engaged as an expert  
18 witness or non-testifying expert consultant by a party or its counsel of record, each  
19 natural person within such organization or corporation for whom access to  
20 Confidential Material is necessary to perform a duty with respect to this Action shall

1 first complete and sign an acknowledgment form in the form shown as Exhibit B to  
2 this Protective Order.

3                   C. If any expert witness or non-testifying expert consultant engaged  
4 by the party seeking to disclose Confidential Material creates any report, document,  
5 or other item, whether intangible or tangible, related to this case, and such report or  
6 document contains Confidential Material, whether as content, exhibit, or otherwise,  
7 said report or document has the same protected status as the Confidential Material  
8 contained therein. For such report, document, or other item to attain protected  
9 status, it is not necessary for it to be separately so designated by either party as  
10 protected Confidential Material.

11                  4.1.3. It shall be the duty and responsibility of counsel of record to  
12 ensure that documents or things containing Confidential Material subject to  
13 counsel's control shall at all times be kept in a safe and secure fashion to ensure that  
14 such information is not disclosed to or made accessible to persons other than those  
15 specifically qualified and/or authorized to review Confidential Material under this  
16 Protective Order. Counsel of record shall be directly responsible to the Court  
17 captioned above for fulfilling this responsibility.

18                  4.1.4. Should any party, or person qualified to obtain Confidential  
19 Material hereunder, or their agents or representatives, receive any request for  
20 Confidential Material, whether through formal compulsory process or lawful  
21 authority of the Court or otherwise, prior to responding thereto, such person or

1 counsel shall promptly serve written notice of receipt of same on counsel of record  
2 for all parties hereto in order to allow said party or parties to move an appropriate  
3 court for a ruling respective to the necessity of compliance therewith.

4 **5. SUBMISSION TO THE COURT**

5 5.1.1. In the event a party wishes to use any Confidential Material, or  
6 any papers or digital information containing or making reference to the contents of  
7 such material or information, in any pleading or document filed with the Court in  
8 this Action, such pleading or document and Confidential Material shall be filed  
9 under seal, consistent with the rules and practices of the Court in which said  
10 materials are to be filed, until such time as the Court orders otherwise or denies  
11 permission to file under seal. The sealed material, information, digital information,  
12 or papers shall state on the first page of any bound or stapled document, "FILED  
13 UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO COURT PROTECTIVE ORDER." The  
14 restrictions, if any, that will govern the use of Confidential Material at trial or  
15 hearings will be determined at a later date by the Court, in consultation with the  
16 parties.

17 5.1.2. If, through inadvertence or otherwise, Confidential Material is  
18 filed with the Court without the appropriate notice, the person responsible for the  
19 disclosure shall immediately bring all pertinent facts relating to such disclosure to  
20 the attention of counsel for all parties and to the Court, without prejudice to other  
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1 rights and remedies of any party, and shall make every effort to prevent further  
2 disclosure.

3 **6. USE IN COURTROOM PROCEEDINGS**

4 6.1.1. Any Confidential Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL or  
5 any document or thing incorporating such material that is filed or lodged with the  
6 Court shall be so marked on the first page, sealed, and delivered to the Clerk of the  
7 Court, and shall not be available for public inspection. The envelope used to seal  
8 such information or document shall carry an appropriate notation indicating its status  
9 as CONFIDENTIAL and subject to this Protective Order. The Clerk shall maintain  
10 such material or document under seal. Any judge or magistrate exercising  
11 responsibility in this Action, and his or her legal, administrative, secretarial, or  
12 clerical staffs, shall have access to material under seal as necessary in adjudicating  
13 or administering this Action.

14 **7. RETURN / DESTRUCTION OF MATERIALS**

15 7.1.1. Within thirty (30) days after the termination of this Action, the  
16 originals and all copies of Confidential Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL  
17 shall be destroyed or returned to the party that produced such information, or to its  
18 attorney.

19 **8. MISCELLANEOUS**

1       8.1.1.       Upon final termination of this Action, whether by settlement,  
2 dismissal or other disposition, the provisions of this Protective Order shall continue  
3 to be binding upon all persons or entities who are subject to the terms hereof, and the  
4 Court shall retain jurisdiction for enforcement of this Order.

5       8.1.2.       Each party reserves the right to request and/or petition the Court  
6 for modification of this Protective Order upon a showing of good cause.

7       **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is directed to enter this  
8 Order and provide copies to counsel.

9       **DATED** May 3, 2021.

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11                     *s/ Rosanna Malouf Peterson*  
12                     ROSANNA MALOUF PETERSON  
13                     United States District Judge  
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